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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 151
By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James Ronald Lane
for his meritorious service to the people of
Benton County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly recognize those individuals who
through hard work have made significant contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, James Ronald Lane exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is
characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the son of James Harvey "Bub" and Adelaide Conyers Lane, James Ron
Lane was born in Auburn, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, during his childhood, Ron Lane was diagnosed with polio and became
physically disabled as a result; and

WHEREAS, Ron Lane graduated Salutatorian of Big Sandy High School in 1959 and
received his bachelor of science degree from Lambuth University in 1963; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, Ron Lane began working in radio as a
high school news reporter at WFWL; and

WHEREAS, Ron rose through the ranks at WFWL from sales to his current position,
General Manager and part owner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane is part owner of several radio stations throughout Tennessee,
Alabama, Florida and Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Lane is an active and vital part of his community, participating in several community organizations, including the Big Sandy-Springville Lions Club, the Benton County Jaycees, as former President of the Benton County Exchange Club and the Benton County Gideon's Camp; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the committees for fundraising drives for the Heart Association, the Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Ron Lane was selected as the "Benton County Handicapped Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane served for 14 years as member and secretary of the Benton County Electric System; and

WHEREAS, Ron Lane is an active and devout member of the Big Sandy United Methodist Church, where he serves as a Sunday school teacher and has been the Sunday School Superintendent for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane is a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church, and has been the regular lay speaker at Lick Creek, McRae's Chapel and Bakers Chapel Methodist. He also serves as the Paris District Lay Leader for the past 7 years; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Ron Lane is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Cherie Corbitt Lane; his son, Andrew Kelsey Corbitt; his sisters Pat Carter and Sue Baylor; and his brother, Randy Lane; and

WHEREAS, men of his talent and stature do not often walk among us, and Mr. Lane should be specially recognized as a sterling representative of the true spirit of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. James Ronald Lane for his meritorious service to the good people of Benton County and to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wholeheartedly endorse Benton County's designation of April 6, 1997 as "Ron Lane Appreciation Day" in Benton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.